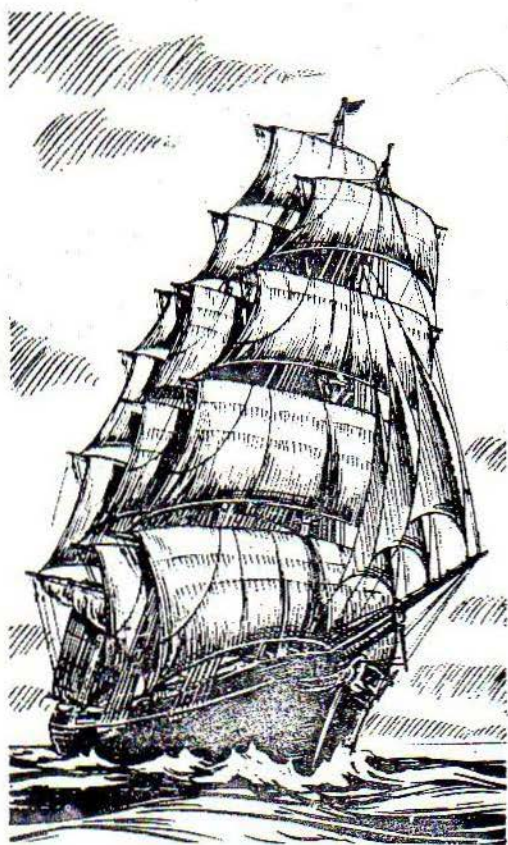


# THE QCWA NEWS



I must go down to the seas again, to  
the lonely sea and the sky,  
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star  
to steer her by.

(Sea Fever, J.M.)

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## HEADQUARTERS NEWS

A QCWA Board meeting was held on Jan 3, 1974, at the Engineers Club at 11:00AM, the minutes of the Phoenix meeting were read and approved by the board, the board also approved the selection of W2JE to continue as Executive Secretary, General Manager and Editor of the QCWA news. The president discussed the next annual meeting to be held in October 1974, W4YK suggested that the annual meeting be held in the Orlando area of Florida. The board agreed, but stipulated that the local chapter must make all arrangements for the meeting. W4YK would report progress to the president as soon as he can get together with the members of the Citrus Chapter. The Treasurers report was given as follows;

### RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1973

#### RECEIPTS:

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Entry fees - new members            | \$ 1,965        |
| Dues earned                         | 12,539          |
| Sales of pins, badges, stamps, etc. | 1,373           |
| Interest earned                     | 2,899           |
|                                     | <u>\$18,776</u> |

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

|                                          |                 |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Operating expenses - Headquarters office | \$ 4,882        |
| Stationery and printing                  | 661             |
| General postage expense                  | 1,228           |
| Printing and mailing - Newsletter        |                 |
| Printing, etc.                           | 2,929           |
| Postage                                  | 2,052           |
| Printing 1972-73 Year Book               |                 |
| 50% allocated to 1973                    | 2,583           |
| Advertising and promotion                | 2,268           |
| Purchase of pins, badges, stamps, etc.   | 735             |
| Office equipment                         | 662             |
| Miscellaneous                            | 663             |
|                                          | <u>\$18,663</u> |

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS

\$ 113



## HEADQUARTERS NEWS (Cont'd)

The Executive Secretary presented his year end report;

|                                             |      |
|---------------------------------------------|------|
| Membership as of December 31, 1972.         | 5641 |
| New members during 1973                     | 655  |
| Re instated members during 1973             | 22   |
| Silent Keys during 1973                     | 112  |
| Resigned members                            | 16   |
| Suspended members                           | 68   |
| Total membership as of December 31, 1973    | 6122 |
| Last number assigned was 8659               |      |
| Of the above members 1265 are life members. |      |

During the year QCWA presented 282 "50 Years Licensed in Amateur Radio" awards. New chapters formed during 1973 - El Paso Texas; Central Oklahoma; Niagara Frontier; Space Port, Melbourne Fla; West Branch, Williamsport, Pa.; and the Austin Texas chapter. QCWA has 66 chapters (65 in the U.S. and 1 in Australia) A new chapter is being formed in the Ontario Canada area.

The Board unanimously accepted and approved the Treasurer's and Executive Secretary's reports. W2JE reported on the work being done on the 1974-75 QCWA callbook. Members who have not paid next 3 years dues by March 31, 1974 will not be included in the QCWA Callbook.

The board discussed W4IYT's note regarding giving assistance to widows of dead members. The board felt that the chapters would be in better position to handle this matter, and that chapters should start a program to assist widows in disposing of amateur radio equipment.

The board approved the change to Art VI sec 1 to read "30 days" instead of "20 days"/// this section is in conflict with sec 3 and also our membership is so large we must give them time to send in their ballots. The board decided to go to bulk rate mailings to save funds. This was necessary as our postage expenses are climbing and since the new postage will be 10c the board decided on reducing postage expenses to try the bulk rate mailing. Actually this will be faster than 3d calls mail, as all mail will be bundled by ZIP CODE and will be delivered more expeditiously to the central PO of the area. W2KW and W4QR are expediting the IRS requirements for non-profit mailings. At the next meeting this should be resolved. W2PF sent to W2ALS our president a very well written resume of IRS requirements and procedures to follow. This brochure was turned over to W2KW to study. The board after lengthy discussion on increasing the membership of the QCWA board decided that we were not ready yet to make any decisions and tabled the matter until some future time.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

We are advising members whose copies of the QCWA news, etc., are returned, will be placed on inactive status until we receive their correct address. Sorry fellows, but with the cost postage going to 10c we can't afford it any longer. Over 150 were returned with wrong addresses, it costs QCWA 26c each to re mail them after going thru various callbooks and finding addresses. Help us to help you. 73 Gus W2JE

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## HEADQUARTERS NEWS (cont'd)

LIFE MEMBERS UP TO Feb 15, 1974 W2GMP W7JRH W3DYT  
 W1EFW W1SR W2BAY K2BM W2EMN W2GUJ W2HCW W2HIU W2HVD W2IFM  
 W2IVT W2JFO W2OZA K2YTR W2ZHZ W2ZL W2ZWT - W3ABC W3AUM  
 W3BDF W3IDA W4CK WB4EZA K4GYZ K4HFL K4IKB K4IKS K4KF K4OK  
 K4QM W4RFA W5AAH W5FRZ W5JHX W5LRT W5NPI W5QEO W6EHR W6EUF  
 W6NGN W6ORK W6WT - W7DNY W7GPJ W8JYY W8KGD W8LUI W8TZB W9BQ  
 W9LB W9UGN W9VQD W0AR W0JYH W0KMH - VE3JA VE3SB VE7ACJ  
 W6APW W8DZJ W5MDV

MEMBERS RE INSTATED 1973 - W1CNU W1HXL W2ABE W2IVT W2IAO  
 W2ZE W3IDO W4ADM K4AG W4DTJ K4QZ W6DOD K6HI W6NC W6NFW  
 W9ARK W9FLA W0RAM W0VUD VE3HC W8HSK W8PEQ W8PHV W8TFG W8UU  
 K4UY W0PC

## SILENT KEYS

|                          |                          |                           |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| W1LJT Charles O. Nowell  | W9WFR H. J. Leddy        | W5LQP Frank J. Kincaid Jr |
| W1LK Ettore Gola         | W5QME Coleman Egbert     |                           |
| W1OD James A. Bain       | W6DKS Frank Hannah       |                           |
| K2ALF A. W. Manchee      | K6LC Hewitt S. Morris    |                           |
| W2CDZ Willis G. Bills    | W6LY I. W. Pinkerton     |                           |
| W2DZA A. H. Knights      | W6WPF Perley B. Dunn     |                           |
| K2ET Clarence A. McKee   | W6WQ Charles O. Slyfield |                           |
| W2HIQ Stanley Wolff      | W7DG Ray E. Sechler      |                           |
| W2IE Francis G. Mackie   | W7HMQ E. E. Young        |                           |
| K2LBB Bert E. Martin Jr. | W8EHD Elwyn J. Finehout  |                           |
| W3ANP J. B. Stone        | W8FKY Paul R. Brumbaugh  |                           |
| W3BWT Eppa W. Darne      | W8YCV John R. Armstrong  |                           |
| W3BX Fred C. Dietz       | W9BHT W. P. Ingersoll    |                           |
| W3GR Charles M. Hartman  | W9TRN R. A. Hawk         |                           |
| W3LIF Ernest D. Heintz   | W0CK Don D. Usher        |                           |
| K4QT Elmer G. Moffat     | W0NKR Kenneth H. Cooper  |                           |
| W4ARR Robert L. Crane    | W9WB Kenneth C. Axline   |                           |
| W4CNV Lee L. Terry       |                          |                           |
| W6LRJ Ed B. Davison      |                          |                           |

May they rest in Peace

## WHO'S HOO

| OLD CALL | NEW CALL | OLD NEW     | OLD CALL | NEW CALL |
|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| W1EAM    | K4JGP    | W8KHQ W8OF  | W5KZN    | W5AE     |
| W1AWE    | K4JOI    | W8TV K4WZ   | W6LPO    | K6ZP     |
| W2APM    | W5SXC    | W3GBB K3CN  | W6NHA    | K6ZY     |
| W2AXO    | K4HIO    | W2QC K3CB   | W6OFK    | W6PU     |
| W2EUI    | K2JH     | W6VYJ W5TWG | K6PSE    | K6YQ     |
| K2GDY    | W1GHX    |             | WA7QKY   | W7LAR    |
| W2IS     | K4WV     |             | W8DOI    | W8QG     |
| W2KER    | W5TWZ    |             | WB8HVK   | WB4EZA   |
| WA2LGZ   | K2IU     |             | W8JH     | K6YR     |
| WB2OQR   | WA4FWZ   |             | W8LX     | W7ZX     |
| W2VEF    | K4JHG    |             | W9RNZ    | K4JRY    |
| W3BGR    | W4BGR    |             | W9BAS    | K4JKU    |
| W3DUZ    | K7AW     |             | VE3ALJ   | VE7DCI   |
| WA3OMX   | W8LGT    |             | W1FVS    | K4JLM    |
| K4CPF    | W6POF    |             | W4MLN    | W5TTP    |
| W9PUY    | K4HZV    |             | WB5AED   | W5AEJ    |

"This Republic was not established by cowards, and cowards will not preserve it. (Elmer Davis)

FROM W2JE - Executive Secretary

Bob David W4YK QCWA director called from Florida to report that the program for the QCWA Annual Dinner Meeting in October is going ahead as planned. The date has been set for October 25 and 26th, 1974 and will be held in the vicinity of Disney World near Orlando Fla. The planning and program for the meeting is being planned by the Council of QCWA Chapters in Florida and will be hosted by the Citrus chapter. More details will follow in next issue of QCWA News.

Received a puzzle from W2QXE, its like a pegboard as in cribbage, but this was made into a triangle, Ed says in his letter, when you have "leisure time" work this puzzle out. WHAT LEISURE TIME ED! Members joining up in droves, letters to answer, the treasurer gives me more work, etc etc. However, I did try the puzzle, and I am sorry, because I could not finish my work. W2FAR came for a visit and I gave it to him after two tries he solved it. I am disgusted. Its still on top of the transmitter....

Note from Ted Crowe W3GPR President of the West Branch Chapter, (Williamsport Pa.) reporting that an organizational meeting will be held Feb 18th, and that they will make plans for a special meeting sometime this spring to bring together all the old timers (25 or more years) from the area...

THE CANTON CHAPTER HAS ELECTED NEW OFFICERS: W8NBK President, W8WNU Vice President; W8OYV Secretary/treasurer and 2 trustees, W8ERR W8TPS. 51 were present at the Der-Dutchman. The Canton chapter puts out a very nice newsletter, with all the local chapter news.

Got a nice letter from Jack Sterner W2GQK, and he remarked about the hams that are off the air because they are partially incapacitated and cannot repair their equipment. Jack suggests that each chapter establish a list of (on call) volunteers to give a hand in such situations. This would be in line with the Amateur Code to help those who are in need. Chapter presidents note and see about planning for such a good cause.

Also got a fine letter from W4EKC/W2AYN Frank Borsody the letter is long and very humorous, he talked about W2ELN and about the Flatbush Radio Club. One item, a brother ham connected a bomb to his car, one of those things that make a big bang and smoke issues out from every angle of the car, plus a wailing sound. He stepped on his starter and all h--broke loose, but he knew who the culprit was, at 3AM he went to his house woke him up and made him pay for a blown spark plug HI. I cannot tell you his name, as Frank wants it kept a secret and besides he moved to California.

I NEED HELP!!!! CAN ANYONE GIVE ME THE ADDRESSES OF THE FOLLOWING: W2IID Berg; W2KHK Anderson; W4AH Wood Jr; K4AJ Stewart; W4EXS Ashley; K4GWN Brown; K4TB Bowman; W5AWJ Wheeler; W5DJ Kennedy; W6EWG Rich; W6LF Hibscher; W7RG Vincent; W8AXE Dygert; W8DRV Urban; W8HQ Nolan; W8IHX Kerzka; W89CSQ Miller; W9SZH Wyman; KP4CT Girona; K4OE Savage; Also W1VQ Weber; W2DVG Forster; K2ESC Woodin; W2IM Jobes; W3ELV Franciscus; W3JAV Hunter; W3KAN McDormand; W4VSB McGlashan; W4VWH Shaw; W6ABA Burke; K6KV McCreery; W6ZQI Bauman; W8IT Nixon; W9YQP Fiore. Anyone who knows the whereabouts or new address please inform me as soon as possible.. 73 W2JE



**DIRECT CURRENT** - As promised,, our Directors have come forward with comments and information which we are proud to present!

Bob David, W4YK wrote that he was forced to resort to handwritten letters because his daughter (in college) had requisitioned this typewriter...fortunately, Bob writes a nice legible hand: "QCWAers get a real bargain at the present cost of initiation fees and dues..When one considers that this includes a total of twelve bulletins and an expensive callbook, it would be hard to find such a 'buy' anywhere. But...there's a real bonus to be had - one you can't buy or put a price on.. and that's the formation of a QCWA Chapter. A chapter and the fellowships developed, the good times at the meetings are priceless. It only takes ten members to start a Chapter...the size of the Chapter is not important..as a matter of fact some of the smaller Chapters have more fun than the larger ones simply because everyone knows everyone else.. Our present gasoline shortage-which may last until 1980 is another excellent reason for more Chapters. It's not hard to scrape up gas for a fifty miles trip, but hundred mile jaunts are a horse of a different color. Sooo, let's get a real bonus - start a Chapter, meet regularly to have a sure winner." - Bob David, W4YK...Director, QCWA.

Harry Gartsman, W6ATC sent in a fine description of what QCWA means to him , and a message of faith in our Country, and the people who live in this greatest of all places in the world. - "What QCWA Means to Me!" "I thank God and Country for the privilege of living in the greatest Country ever to exist. If more people had the chance to see the other side, such as Europe, the Middle East and others, they would literally 'kiss the ground' on returning to America. Most people forget the advantages of living in a Democracy, which in spite of all the 'crap' on the air and in the papers, one can still talk, move, earn, do, without being harassed at every step by REAL bureaucracy..My QCWA badge has opened doors to many Hams all over the world - amateurs who, recognizing the QCWA Pin come forward to declare themselves your friend. Many people you deal with may be Amateurs, and not know that you likewise are a 'Ham' -- wear the QCWA emblem - it works for military, Governments, and Companies all over the world...I've tried it, and I know! I treasure each and every one of you in the QCWA Roster as my friend & hope to meet you all as I visit Chapters and groups in my travels over the U. S. and Europe." - Harry Gartsman, W6ATC, Vice President.

It is easy to understand the reason for the growth of QCWA, when men living the philosophies expressed above are Officers and Directors. We are fortunate indeed to be associated with such men!

**QCWA PARTY** - As we write here in Texas, the QSO Party - the 17th Annual, has just been completed. We were not able to get on the a great deal, but did make a few contacts. From the sound of activity, and a few of the individual total numbers, it is by far the biggest Party we have ever held. The Chicago Chapters Initiation in Contest Handling will be a baptism of fire; but we are confident in the men who are responsible for the scoring and judging. Results of the QSO Party participation will be reported in the June issue of the Newsletter, meanwhile, it is pretty certain that you'll get word of the high scorers fairly soon on the Sunday afternoon meeting on 14347. It will all be unofficial until the Chicago Chapter stamps its seal of approval on the final report! To all who took part, thank you - this is one fine activity, and it is restricted to such narrow areas in the Amateur allocations that no interference was caused - a good party!!



MARK DEVANEY, K4IDC, has written a fine note on QCWA Activities in the Florida region. Mark is Treasurer of QCWA, and will be analyzing the replies to the "Life Member" questionnaire, presented elsewhere in this newsletter. Quoting directly, "The Florida Chapters are going all out for the October, 1974 Annual Meeting in Orlando. This should be the best attended and the most interesting annual meeting in QCWA History. I am in favor of encouraging Chapters or a combination of Chapters to bid for annual meetings. Proximity to a substantial number of members, adequate hotel facilities at a reasonable rate, local attractions (such as Disney World, for example), plant visits, programs for the ladies, availability of local members for planning and paperwork involved would all be weighed by the Board of Directors in selecting a Site. A well-planned, interesting and worthwhile annual meeting would cause our members and their Ladies to look forward to attending year after year regardless of location." We can testify to the wonderful friendliness of Florida QCWA Members...and it is suggested that all of our members consider strongly the possibility of attending the Orlando Meeting. In other remarks, Mark mentions that the Life Memberships may, in the future, have to be curtailed, mainly because of the fact that earnings from the pre-paid life membership money simply does not provide as much income as needed now, and the situation will probably become more aggravated in the future. It is our intention to visit in Fort Lauderdale later this year, while working at Miami...thank you, Mark for a nice letter and a wonderful suggestion for those Chapters located in the densely populated centers! Lets have some bids for the 1975 Annual QCWA meeting - make your bid through your Chapter Officers and to the Board of Directors of QCWA...you might just have to put on a QCWA Convention - and have some real fun!

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**SPECIAL NOTICE!!!!** Frank Schwab, W8OK has requested that the following announcement be printed so that All QCWA Members may be advised of the Joing QCWA/OOTC Dinner, held in connection with the Dayton Hamvention!

"The Dayton Cincinnati Chapter of QCWA will host the Annual Dayton Hamvention QCWA/OOTC Dinner on Friday, April 26, 1974, at the Stratford House Ramada Inn in downtown Dayton. Cocktails at 6:30 and Dinner at 7:30. Cost of the dinner will be \$6.00 per person and it will be a served, sit-down banquet in the Pavilion Room of the Hotel. Advance reservations and tickets will be required as space is limited. Tickets can be obtained from Ken Springen, W8ZZZ, 308 Trunk Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45431. Please make check payable to Ken Springen. Reservations must be in by April 12.

Most QCWA members will be staying at the Stratford House Ramada Inn so if you plan to stay there please make reservations through the Dayton Hamvention Accomodations Committee, Box 44, Dayton, Ohio 45401. You must specify QCWA/Stratford House Ramada Inn the number of persons you will bring, and the dates you will be staying. The Committee will then confirm your reservation in writing. Please send your reservations as soon as possible because all rooms in Dayton at Hamvention time are sold out very quickly. The Dayton Hamvention will be 3 days this year starting at noon on Friday, April 26 and ending Sunday Afternoon, Apr. 28. Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, will be Hamvention Banquet Speaker on Saturday. - This is Ham Radios biggest Convention - many say it is the best one anywhere - may we suggest that you make reservation and find out for yourself - don't think you'll be disappointed!



**CORRESPONDENCE** - Ray Webster, W7BXR, wrote that he met Col. Gus last October, at Scottsdale and that he had been inspired to write a sonnet to Amateur Radio...it was written specifically to honor a friend just recently licensed as a novice: Reminiscence

Back in the days of youth and fun  
We pounded brass with a spark, by gum.  
With a rotary gap, glass and foil  
we built our rigs with sweat and toil  
And tuned the thing with a copper coil  
And thats how it was my son!

Sparks went out and tubes came in  
A Zepp antenna was the only thing  
Bloopers sets were then devised  
with real DX we were revitalized  
but a microphone was a thing despised  
and tha's how it was my son!

Those young squirts now are old and grey  
Commercial rigs are here to stay  
We now think back to those days of yore  
When CW made the only score  
But sideband rigs don't make me sore  
And tha's how it is my son!

--- W7 Bar X Ranch

**NEVADA CHAPTER QCWA** - John Neal, W7VH wrote a short and welcome note about the revitalization of the Nevada Chapter. The first meeting was held at the home of Wlat Ashton, WA7RPZ..while Walt was outside giving a demonstration of his 2-mtr walkie-talkie he was elected the new Temporary Chairman." In a similar slight-of-hand affair, John, W7VH was elected as "Temporary Secretary." A weekly on-the-air meeting on 28Mc has been started with good success. Kinda seems like the Chapter will have monthly meetings, at least for the present. John says they're a little slow getting started, but the NEVADA CHAPTER IS MOVING! It was sure a sorrow not to be able to visit with John and the boys at SAROC.

**NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER** - Ray Griswold, W2SD sent in a short report on the organization of this new and Welcome Chapter! The Chapter held its organizational meeting on November 13, 1973, at which time the 18 local QCWA Members in the Buffalo area met and selected the Chapter's name, and a slate of Officers. A full meeting was held on December 11 at which time the following slate of Officers was completed:

Ray F. Griswold, W2SD - President  
Harvey Wannenmacher, W2MZ, Secretary/treasurer  
Ed Lindberg, W2CIL, Vice President  
Ted Podd, W2KX, Director  
Morey Englander, W2DXZ, Director  
Howard A. Seyse, W2KZ, Director  
Dr. Stuart W. Farmer, W2NW, Director

Pictures of the Chapter meetings and Officers have not yet been available, but are eagerly anticipated. We understand that 50-year Golden Certificates are to be presented to W2KZ and W2MZ...with others being eligible very soon. The President wants to thank all who helped bring the Chapter into existence - Ray Nichols, W2RN with Clarence Young, W2RFY, did yeoman duty - all eligible Amateurs in the area are welcome





**CORRESPONDENCE** - From Jim Washburn, W5DY, who was an FCC Inspector - Jim reminisces of times long ago - his first test back in June of 1930 when he obtained his 2nd Telegraph License - the Inspector was L.J.N. DuTreil of New Orleans...and the CW test was 16 code groups per minute. Jim had been copying NAA since 1926, but didn't get a ham license until 1936. Jim has the distinction of having the very first Amateur X-tra class license ever issued in the 5th District - Jim took the test on January 2, 1952, and received License Serial Number 1 from Mr. McCabe, Inspector and resident engineer.

Ray Griswold, W2SD, of Cheektowauga, New York sent in a note saying he and others were interested in starting a Buffalo Chapter. If you need any help drop us a line, we'll send you samples of material which will help you start up a Chapter Ray - and we expect to have to work in ole Buffalo soon, for a week or so on WBEN radio, and will call you on the phone when we get there...W5EJ.

We have received a callbook from Paul Griffith, W2SOY, which filled a distinct hole in our supply - thank you Paul! With respect to callbooks, see a story elsewhere in this issue!

Ed Prested, W8IAC writes from Indian River, Michigan that the Michigan Chapter of QCWA wishes to welcome all members from other states checking into the Sunday Morning Net. The frequency is 1903 kHz starts at 9 AM, Eastern Daylight Time. Check-ins have been W5UAW, K4TSG, W8NC/4 with W9QFL, W8DIV/4 and W8DDM/4, and others from outstate reporting in regularly. Early birds can report in at 8AM, EDT. How about it?

Frank Borsody, K4EC/W2AYN wrote of a QSO held last winter with KC4USZ.. The operator was "Pete" and he was at the South Pole. Since Frank is a Veteran of the Arctic, holding a "North Pole" certificate, they were able to hold a good conversation comparing notes on the similarities & differences in the North & South Poles! At the time, it was -28 at the South Pole and 78 at Palmetto, Florida, wow!

Col. "Sparky Baird" USA (Rtd) wrote to comment on the fine manner that featured the Scottsdale meeting last October. Sparky was complimenting Gus for his work in setting up and handling the Meeting. planning an affair of this kind is difficult, and we'll add our congratulations to those of "Sparky" to say, "Well Done Gus."

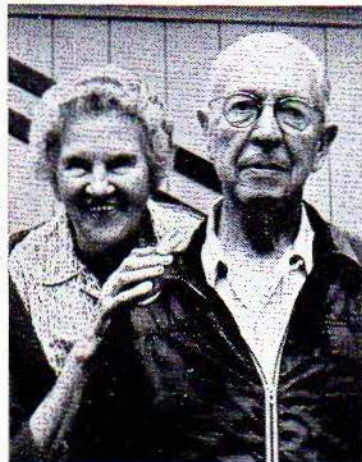
Wil Gross, W8BKM sent in a fine brochure from the Conneaut Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society who maintain a wonderful exhibit of antique Railroad memorabilia. There are scale models, as well as some real old time steam locomotives on display. If any of you all get near Conneaut, Ohio, please drop in and see the exhibit...and call up "Gross" to show you around!

We have received a nice letter from Paul F. Godley, Jr., son of Paul, Sr., who became a silent key this fall. We had written a note to express our sympathy to the family. We are fortunate to have been able to visit with Paul Sr. last summer, and will long remember this fine & famous radioman.

Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF has written with some ideas on how to streamline the Sunday afternoon National QSO Party on the Air. You may find some of the ideas pretty good. We would suggest that you read about the plan elsewhere, and it seems good, discuss it in Chapter meetings to see if your chapter could inaugurate its own on-the-air net, and if so, Ralph's idea might just work to bring us all closer together.



SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER - K. Strand, K5Y0Q, Secretary of the Chapter wrote a short note to report on the first quarterly meeting of 1974. It was held at the home of John Shean, W5LPO, who had been Secretary of the Chapter for a long time. The meeting, held, January 31, was well attended, with election of Officers as the main business. Les Essington W5BE, was elected President, with Gene Jank, W5EJT, Vice President. A Highlight of the meeting was a report by Roy Albright, W5EYB, Director of the West Gulf Division of ARRL on matters of interest to the group present. A short memorial discussion was held honoring "Army" W5FA, who passed away in September, 1973.



Mel Dunbrack, W1BHD sent in the picture at left, showing two very popular people in the New England States, and in Florida too. W1MPP, Eunice, and K4RO, Ken, affectionately known as the "Century Kids" taken while they were on vacation in North Conway, New Hampshire, in Aug. 1973.

We had the pleasure of meeting Eunice & Ken in November, 1972, at the Orlando QCWA meeting attended by Barry Goldwater.

The December Newsletter had a complicated circuit shown on page 19, which dealt with these two fine amateurs & people!

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER QCWA - From the Chapter Bulletin No. 1, we received information on the February 10 meeting, which came right in the middle of the QSO Party - but with those high scorers in California it won't make a bit of difference. President Henry Eckhard, W6ON sent in a note as follows: "I wish to thank the Board of Directors for electing me to the post of President of the Norcal Chapter. I consider it an Honor." And so it is! It is an honor to be a member of QCWA & we congratulate Henry on his election. The Chapter has an active on the air meeting each Sunday at 9:30AM, on 3907 kHz, with an additional CW net on 3768 kHz at 10:45 AM. It was reported that Chapter Director George Smith, W6BNH has been quite ill. All Chapter members send their regards, and wishes for an early recovery! The Chapter was saddened to report on the passing of Frank Hannah, W6DKS. Earle Snider, K6TST, past President of the Chapter commented on the support given him in 1973, and urging members to support the new officers during 1974. It might be well to mention that its "dues" time again - and this is true in most all Chapters - check to see if you are paid up. The Norcal dues are \$3 per year, which seems to be the standard minimum dues in most chapters.

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Ero Erickson, W9HPJ sent a copy of his fine publication, "Rain Static" which certainly contains a wealth of news about everything going on in the Chicago Area. Much information on activities of APCO - Associated Public Safety Communications Officers, Inc. There was a short note in it from Joe Koski, former APCO President...Joe lives in Fort Worth! So, you see, there's something to be learned every day - didn't even know that Joe was a member! Many of the QCWA members across the U. S. are also members of APCO..the January, 1974 issue of the Bulletin mentioned Bill Toner, W9MKL. Thanks for the news Ero!





In the picture at the left is shown a group of Niagara Frontier Chapter Officers and Directors. The picture was made a short time ago, and sent in by Ray Griswold, W2SD. In the back row, L-R are: Earl Westfall, W2JR; Dr. Stuart Farmer, W2NW; Howard Seyse, W2KZ; and in the front row, L-R are Ed Lindberg, W2CIL; Ray Griswold, W2SD; Harvey Wannemacher, W2MZ.

These fellows are urging that everyone in the Buffalo area get busy, bring in a member &

get the Niagara Frontier Chapter really snowballing - oops! bad word!

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Monte, W5YZ, sent a nice pix taken at the December, 1973, San Antonio Radio Club meeting. L-R in the back row are: William Davis, W5BGE; Frank Box, WA5VFM; Gene Jank, W5EJT; Floyd Roland, W5JKU; John Bruemmer, W5LVD; and in the front Dan de Lay, W5DUI; James Yantis, K5RV; Roy Albright, W5EYB; Les Essington, W5BE.



We understand that K5RV became a QCWA member at that meeting.

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Mac McRae, President of the Chicago Area Chapter sent a fine picture of lots of man power working on a problem. Going CW are: Mac McRae, W9RC; Moe Pallotto, W9BOX; Fred Hinds, W9WR; and Bill Wright, W9CV. It appears a very serious document was under close scrutiny..Let's hope it wasn't some poor soul's QSO Party log!

Listen to the 14347 QCWA Sunday Afternoon net for a bit of late news on who came in first in the Party!



PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER QCWA - From Newsletter No. 2 -

This Chapter is doing a wonderful job with a truly fine newsletter. We think it outstanding! Want to mention that the Chapter holds a regular on the air meeting on 3910 kHz each Sunday morning at 0900 EST... it is possible that since the time change, the time is 0900 local. It might be well to suggest listening to check the time on the air. The Chapter has one of the finest newsletters we have seen! W3JQ, of Jeannette, Pa., has joined as a lifetime member - Sid is an oldtimer, beginning his career as a shipboard operator in the Carribean. The members have been asked to send in some material for the purpose of publicizing the experiences they have had in Radio. It was interesting to W5EJ to note that the Chapter President is trying to get an ATU working on all bands...the term ATU is not a common one, and would like to have a note from the "Pres" as to his regular work! Someone has gone to an immense amount of work to provide a fine "Roster." Our congratulations - it was an excellent job.

CORRESPONDENCE - TWO METER OPERATION FOR QCWA ON A NATIONAL BASIS --

The Houston Chapter of QCWA is working hard to set up its own 2-meter repeater, and is greatly interesting in the establishment of a National calling frequency which would permit traveling members to find members in whatever community they are located in! The following story has been written by Monte Montemayor, W5YZ, Secretary of the Houston, Chapter, of QCWA.

"In the National two-meter frequency plan for repeaters, seven frequencies were dedicated for direct work, that is, frequencies where no repeaters are assigned, and as such are intended for general communications between cars, cars to fixed stations, and the like. The first of these frequencies is 146.40 with subsequent channels spaced 30 kHz, and end with 146.58 MHz. 146.52 is now known as the National Calling, DX and highway monitoring frequency. The rest of the frequencies have been put to use throughout the country by individuals, groups and sections of metropolitan areas and more especially in cities where no repeaters are in operation. Assignment of these direct frequencies has not been done on a national basis and use of them is generally elective, but should be coordinated with State Frequency Coordinators, to avoid conflict with groups presently (if any) using the frequencies. Since few specific allocations on the frequencies have yet been made, we should at this time claim 146.55 as our National QCWA frequency. We can use this frequency to and from all our gathers, on the highway, in town and so forth. The point is that if we make this a fact, and then let all our old timers interested in 2-meters know of it, we will have a place in the spectrum to congregate regardless of what part of the Country you are visiting or working in. It is well to mention, that it is desirable to carry your 2-meter rig with you, even when you fly to another area, and to use it locally with a magnetic antenna. There may be individuals or groups already using this frequency--if so, our use of the frequency will not bother too many - use low power, mind our manners, and use 146.55 as often as possible for local QCWA work! You are urged to talk and promote 146.55 for QCWA on a National basis!

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Col. Gus Girona thanks to many friends and well-wishers who sent him and Francis congratulations on their 50th wedding anniversary - and a big bunch of Christmas cards were received too. It couldn't happen to a nicer couple?



The following two pages are from "Radio Activities of the Department of Commerce," dated July 1, 1931, by the U. S. Department of Commerce.

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## RADIO ACTIVITIES

High-powered transoceanic stations were completed at Carnarvon, Wales, Belman, Honolulu, and San Francisco during the autumn of 1914. The Honolulu-San Francisco stations were opened to public service September 24. The Tuckerton-Ellvase and Sayville-Nauen stations were in operation about this time.

Most of these stations made use of the latest developments in the art, using undamped and long waves as produced by the Poulsen arc and the radio-frequency alternator.

On October 6 E. H. Armstrong was issued a patent covering the regenerative circuit also known as the feed-back and the self-heterodyne circuit.

During 1914 and 1915 the United States Navy duplexed its principal shore stations in order that these stations could communicate with ships and with each other simultaneously.

1915. During this year F. A. Kolster, of the Bureau of Standards, developed a radio compass said to be more effective than that which was being used.

April 1: Service was established between the station at Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii, and the United States naval station at Tutuila, Samoa Islands, a distance of 2,400 miles.

On May 12, in Battery Park, New York City, the mayor unveiled the monument in memory of wireless operators who had lost their lives at the post of duty.

On July 27 wireless communication between the United States and Japan was effected. Two terminal stations were located at San Francisco and Funabashi, near Tokyo, and the messages were relayed through Honolulu.

On July 28 the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., working in conjunction with the Western Electric Co., succeeded in telephoning the wireless across the American Continent from Arlington to Hawaii, a distance of nearly 5,000 miles.

On October 26 the wireless telephone experiments were continued, communication being effected across the Atlantic from Arlington to the Eiffel Tower, Paris.

During this year ship service was greatly improved through the installation of new equipment, embodying features of great practical value, by various operating companies. Efficient emergency radio transmitters came into wider use, owing considerably to the efforts of the radio service of the Department of Commerce and its refusal to pass inefficient equipment.

1916. During the course of a severe blizzard in the United States during February wireless telegraphy was extensively used for train dispatching, as the telegraph wires were down.

The determination of the difference in longitude between Paris and Washington with the aid of radio which had been in progress since October, 1913, was completed during May, the result, expressed in terms of time, being 5 hours 17 minutes 35.67 seconds, and has a probable accuracy of the order of 0.01 second.

The initiation of the newly established trans-Pacific wireless service between the United States and Japan was celebrated on November 5 by an interchange of messages between the Mikado and President Wilson.

1917. June 2 marked the "coming of age" of wireless telegraphy in England; that is, that 21 years had elapsed since the registration of patent 12039 in 1896.

1918. The trend of progress toward continuous-wave communication as distinct from that by damped waves was very marked during this year, a particular impetus being given by the continued development of the electron tube as an efficient receiver and generator of undamped oscillations. Steady improvement was also evident in the arc form of generator which was installed in many new high-power stations.

Wireless telephony also progressed to a marked extent, particularly in the direction of reliability and increase of range, due mainly to the development of valve generators and receivers.

In the equipment of aircraft with wireless great progress was made, both in radiotelegraphy and radiotelephony.

In April a high-power station was opened at Stavanger, Norway, for the use of the Norwegian Government. The station communicates with the United States.

In the Argentine the erection of a station destined for direct communication with the North American Continent was commenced in the vicinity of Buenos Aires.



On July 31 the United States Government took over all wireless land stations in the United States, with the exception of certain high-power stations, which remained under the control of commercial companies.

On September 22 messages transmitted from Carnarvon were received in Sydney, 12,000 miles away. Cable confirmations of these messages were sent forward at the same time, but were received some hours later than the corresponding radiotelegrams.

At the end of the year a high-power station, erected by the United States Government, was opened at Croix d'Hins, near Bordeaux.

1919. The successful trans-Atlantic flights of Alcock and Brown, of the American *NC4* and of the British dirigible *R34* during the summer of the year focused attention upon the application of radio for aviation purposes and its great value for aerial navigation.

In February a Spanish decree was issued to the effect that all sailing vessels of 500 tons or over and carrying 50 or more passengers must be equipped with wireless apparatus.

On June 30, 1919, there were 2,312 ship stations of the United States, having increased from 1,478 on June 30, 1918. At this time new ship stations were increasing at the rate of 100 a month. This increase was due to the great number of vessels built during the war period.

During the year the Radio Corporation took over the radio interests of the American Marconi Co.

The war-time ban on private and experimental wireless stations was removed.

1920. The steady development of continuous-wave wireless work was continued during the year and some further progress made in the commercial application of tube apparatus.

1921. Experiments were carried out in France with successful results in the application of Baudot and similar high-speed telegraph apparatus to radio work.

The progress made in amateur and experimental wireless is exemplified by the attempts made in February and December of this year to effect communication on short-wave lengths between the wireless amateurs of the United States and Great Britain. The first attempt was unsuccessful, but during the second test signals from many American amateur stations were heard both by British radio amateurs and by the representative of the American Radio Relay League who was sent over for the tests. The signals were also heard in Holland.

The American Radio Relay League held its first annual convention in Chicago, August 30-September 3, at which many thousands of amateurs of the United States were present.

The first licenses for broadcasting stations in the United States were issued in September of this year.

New York radio central station opened on Long Island.

1922. During this year broadcasting stations increased rapidly in keeping with the great interest taken in the art.

First Annual Radio Conference held in Washington, D. C., February 27.

On June 7 E. H. Armstrong read a paper before the Institute of Radio Engineers on some recent developments by him of regenerative circuits. Professor Armstrong was granted a patent for the superregenerative circuit.

Experiments in radiotelephony from ship to shore were conducted during this year. In tests from the steamship *America* it was proved possible to communicate with land telephone stations more than 400 miles distant from the ship.

1923. On March 2 L. A. Hazeltine, of Stevens Institute of Technology, presented a paper before the Radio Club of America on tuned radiofrequency amplification with neutralization of capacity coupling. Professor Hazeltine was granted a patent for the nonradiating neutrodyne receiver.

On March 4 the Cleveland, Ohio (KDPM), station of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. successfully repeated short waves from the East Pittsburgh, Pa. (KDKA), station for the first time in history.

Second Annual Radio Conference held in Washington, D. C., March 20.

The Marconi Co. made a tender, which was accepted, for the erection of a transmitting station in Australia of a power of 1,000 kilowatts with 20 steel masts, 800 feet high. Corresponding stations were to be provided in England and Canada. The receiving arrangements would permit simultaneous reception from five stations.

The construction of a large radio station in a valley between the Herzogstand and the Stein, two of the foothills in the Bavarian Alps, was undertaken. The



TEXAS TALES - In this day, when meat prices have soared, and no one can be certain of his next steak, it is our desire to let the uninitiate know that an untapped, little appreciated source of gourmet steaks exists. East Texans have long appreciated the food value of "Possum" meat and it is this delicacy to which we address ourselves at this moment. East Texas Possum are world famous for the size of their filet and other choice cuts of vitamin filled meat. There is good and ample reason for this phenomenon, and we are about to lay bare the secret of the Great Lone Star State, secrets which have provided this mostly unsung and unappreciated delicacy - "East Texas Possum Filet."

There is little argument as to the wonders of the tongue teasing taste of East Texas Possum. Even those who scoff most loudly - avant garde gourmets of little experience - yes, even these admit an inability to adequately describe a "Possum Filet." The true gourmet diner, rather than scoffing at the luscious taste of the Possum Filet has investigated carefully and has established the true and underlying reasons for the striking difference in the taste of an "East Texas Filet of Possum" compared to the ordinary possum steak. It is only the national interest-the terrible meat shortage, that East Texas has risen above itself and has consented to let the world know the reasons for their "Possum-meat" flavor. We must digress for a moment to lay to rest rumors concerning the "Florida Possum Meat Council" that has tried, without success to capitalize on the fame of East Texas Possum - making false and unsupported claims on behalf of Florida Possum. The truly discerning diner knows Florida Possum cannot possibly offer the tantalizing taste of East Texas Possum. The remarkable difference in the two meats has been proven beyond doubt, and is known to be the result of one of the blessings of Nature bestowed on Texas soil. Texas, long recognized as fortunate to have its "Spindletop" and its Permian Basin, is even more fortunate to be blessed with the largest, and most luxurious Persimmon trees in the world. East Texas, of the entire world, possesses the sweetest, and largest wild persimmons known, and when these are tree-ripened, the fruit has been proven to contribute greatly to the succulent flavor of East Texas Possum Filet. Only the East Texas Possum has the courage to climb to the tips of the upper limbs of these exquisite Persimmon trees thus getting the full advantage of all of the vitamins and minerals known to exist in abundance in the wild Texas Persimmons. Long ago, some ill-advised trouble makers are known to have scoffed at East Texas Possum Filet, a few of the more radical were stated to have suggested that armadillo tenderloin was a better meat of the two. Let no QCWA member be misled by such treasonous and slanderous words which could only have come from unlettered and misled Floridians. To men of good will it is only necessary to mention that the armadillo is doomed to a second rate position among gourmet meats, if for no other reason than that he is not physically able to climb the small persimmon tree branches and must rely on second rate fruit that had been discarded by the discriminating possum feeding from the upper branches. Such fruit which has fallen to the earth, bruised, to ripen on the ground cannot yield superior steaks. It is only the Possum, supping on the honey like persimmon fruit, at the very top of the trees, that can produce a superior filet. While the persimmon is extremely important in the diet of the possum, it is the following hitherto undisclosed factor contributing to the Possum diet which made East Texas truly the Possum meat Capitol of the World. This secret has been so well kept that only two Native Texans, true Patriots, were ever allowed to know. This secret is the Farkleberry bush, which abounds in East Texas.. Some intrepid



Floridians, crazed by their envy, are known to have gone into the East Texas woods, and to have purloined some superb Texas Farkleberry bushes for Florida transplant, but the specie did not thrive in the poor Florida soil and inferior climate. The Texas Farkleberry bush grows to a height of 30 to 40 feet with thin, wand-like branches, topped with a halo of Farkleberries and of all meat bearing animals, only the Possum has shown its intellectual ability to devise a method of gathering the farkleberries from the thin, wand-like branches of the bush.\* This is the final ingredient - Farkleberry Juice - hitherto available only to humming birds. The rare, exotic farkleberry juice manufactured by the unequalled soil and sunshine present in East Texas, enters the tissues of the Possum's body and, through its enzyme-like action, produces the sublime taste found only in East Texas Possum Filet.

\*The method used by the Possum to gather the farkleberries has been observed only twice, both times by members of a rare East Texas group -- believed by some to be wild Indians called the CAWQ'S. The two Indian men have pledged to hold this information secret unto death. Everyone knows that the pledged word of the CAWQ'S is inviolate and East Texans can rest, secure in the knowledge that they will remain the only one's able to produce Possum filets of the pure, joyous taste of those found only in East Texas. To the discriminating eater, East Texas Possum is unsurpassed by any other Possum!

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER QCWA - Moe Joffe, W6PHE sent in a letter about happenings in the SoCal region. Moe wrote it so nicely, we're going to quote him directly: Southern California Chapter, De W6PHE; "SAROC - too bad that the SAROC meeting was blessed with such bad weather. Many of those who wanted to, or intended to be there never got to Las Vegas. John Griggs, W6KW informs us that he got there by the skin of his teeth; his flight was the last one permitted to land before the airport had to be closed. Bob Booth, W3PS was shunted to LAX and arrived in Las Vegas the following day. "Genial Gene" Violino, W6INH and his lady Billie said that they were the only ones on the rd; Gene was guessing at where the middle of the road was supposed to be & gave her the gas, hoping he would not have to apply the brakes and to slide the rest of the way in Vegas. He made it in fine shape and reports he and about 1500 others had a great time. Ray Meyers, W6MLZ, Bert Ayers, W6CL, their ladies and several others manned the OOTC/QCWA booth. The hospitality room sponsored by Harry Gartsman, W6ATC drew many a ham, and Bert and Ray were kept busy extolling the virtues of joining up with the QCWA and the OOTC to all who would listen. From what I have heard of the goings on, I'm sorry "ye Ed" did not attend. I have had my share of the 'White Stuff' while living back at the East Coast, thank you."

Moe is Secretary-treasurer of the SoCal Chapter, and also photographer editor and gatherer upper of information for the Chapter bulletin.

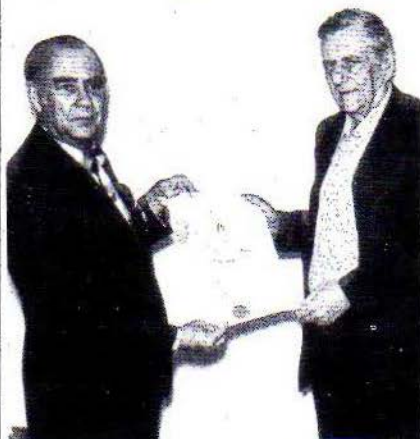
We had the pleasure of a nice visit, via telephone, with Ralph Cabanillas, W2BNJ just a few days ago, and he expressed his best wishes to all of his friends in 6-land. On the same evening we talked with Nat Pfeffer, W2AIM for a few minutes too. Nat wasn't too happy about the cold weather back in New York - he didn't say so, but I think he would sort of like to have been in Sunny California with his good friends in California.



**CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER QCWA** - Red Maier, W5RDE sent in a fine report on activities in the Oklahoma City region. A meeting was held January 27, at which time officers for the 1974 period were elected. Those in Office for the coming year are:

R. L. Maier, W5RDE, President  
 Fred Boardman, W5NL, Vice President  
 Mel Bolger, W5AXM, Director  
 Dale Diehl, K5WUF, Director

Central Oklahoma Chapter meets on a quarterly basis, with the next one being scheduled for spring weather! Red reported that he will be going to W6-land for some special work, and plans on taking his portable rig with him. We'll be looking forward to some good stories about the trip to the "Land of Antenna Farms, Red."



**EL PASO CHAPTER QCWA** - We received a report on El Paso activities from Noel Olmstead, WB5FHW. Noel says the Chapter has settled on regular meetings to be held on the third Saturday of each month at Furrs Cafeteria in Sunrise Shopping Center. Meetings were held in December and January, with about 35 members and guests present at each one. Attention is being concentrated on identifying eligible prospects and signing them as new members. With only 10 members last summer, when the drive was started, there are now 26 members active, with more in prospect!

In the picture above, Clyde C. McNicol, W5NB (at the right) receives his 50-year Golden Anniversary award from Noel Olmstead, President of the El Paso Chapter. Mac has held the call 5NB from the very beginning of Amateur Radio.

**CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER** - The regular winter meeting of Chicago Chapter was held on Thursday, January 31, at Otto's Restaurant, in Forest Park Illinois. #1 members and friends were present - light attendance, due to some guys goofing off in Florida! The following were introduced to the Chapter members, either as new members, or as potential members: Harry Eckland, W9SKX; Harry Gilling, W9IB; Al Patrick, W9EB; Charles Sodergren, W9ELG; Jim Turner, W9LI and Bob Redfield, W9NPB. Somehow, the boys always manage to have some excitement at the meetings. Last time the QCWA banner collapsed on the head of the President much to the amusement of the gang. In addition, three police came tearing up the stairs into the meeting room, causing concern on the part of the treasurer who was in the midst of collecting dues. It was a false alarm though! The President, Mac McRae, W9RC presented the actions of the Board of Directors at their December 6 meeting concerning the need for an election of Officers. It was decided that no election would be necessary until January, 1975. The Board had recommended that the office of Secretary-Treasurer be divided to distribute the work. Member support of the proposal was obtained. The various revisions and other changes will be presented to the membership for a vote at the Fall meeting. The Spring meeting date was discussed, and will be about May



2, although the exact date is not yet finalized. The Board of Directors will announce the date later on. The Chapter is urged to make a real drive to attain a membership of at least 100 by summer. That is a real goal, and we bet they make it. The meeting program was a presentation of "Death Valley Re-visited - 125 years later" given by Dr. Karl Kopetzky, K9AQJ...His talk was interesting and the slides were beautiful...Karl outlined the history of the area from more than 100 years ago...Those in attendance were appreciative of his fine program.

You all know, of course that the Chicago Area Chapter is judging the QSO Party - our thanks to the Chapter, its Officers, and the Committee who will do the actual hard work. It was a fine Party!

DALLAS-TYLER CHAPTERS OF QCWA...W50GZ and W51ZU provided some information on activities in the area. Dallas Chapter held a meeting January 26, attended by quite a few QCWA members from all around the state. At the meeting, it was voted to increase annual dues from \$2 to \$3, and a few changes to the by-laws of the Chapter were voted on. The Chapter has agreed to begin with monthly meetings, believing that better interest in QCWA and the Chapter can be maintained by regular meetings at closer intervals. We have also received an interesting message about activities in this area that warns of even more QCWA activity. It is almost certain that Fort Worth will be having its own Chapter soon. Two very fine Dallas Chapter members have expressed the desire for us to warn members everywhere to examine the expiration date on the Ham Licenses...we won't name any names, but if you've been missing some familiar voices on the air, it may just be that they aren't licensed anymore (temporarily of course).

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SPECIAL Announcements: Bill Bonnell, W5TI and Hal Adams, W5SGM are in a real tizzy getting a new Fort Worth Chapter organized. They ask that any QCWA members in the area interested in Charter Membership in a new "Cowtown Chapter" to please contact either Bill or Hal.

Ray Griswold, W2SD has asked that a special announcement aimed at those QCWA members in the Niagara Frontier Area...If you have not been made a member of the Chapter, please contact any of the Officers of the Club or Ray Griswold. A list of the members is given elsewhere in this news letter. The Niagara Chapter should be a big one, and the boys are all aiming at the banner, given when a Chapter reaches a membership of 50!

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The assistant editor just returned from a job in Buffalo, where we had the pleasure of meeting and visiting with several QCWA members. We saw Tom Gill, W2RIB and had a nice little cocktail session with Ray, W2SD at the "Packet Inn", which has a fine bar, and a friendly bartender, and let me tell you, about two of those "caboozers" are enough. There are so many fine old timers in that area, that the Niagara Chapter is just certain to be the finest around...our congratulations for those who have worked to get the Chapter off the ground. We'll be looking forward to a good visit next winter! Ray expects to make the Chapter motto something like -- "Good Friends Today, Tomorrow and Always." Might mention that one of the reasons the boys up there have such warm hearts is that the weather is so darn cold - boy, it was about 10" and it snowed 10" one evening alone°.

--W5EJ



EDITORIAL AND OTHER MATTERS

A number of members write each regularly with respect to matters dealing with publication of the Newsletter and the place to send material, the place to purchase pins, or other material. As a result of these inquiries, we will try to make a listing at this time, of the matters of interest:

1. QCWA Newsletter: The newsletter is published quarterly, with approximate mailing dates of March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15.

Closing date for receipt of material to be published, for each issue, is about 35 days previous to the mailing date, or, February 10, May 10, August 10 and November 10.

All material and pictures for publication to be sent to W5EJ, 1409 Cooper Drive, Irving, Texas 75061.

2. QCWA Business Matters: All correspondence dealing with awards, Certificates, membership dues, or applications for membership should be sent to Col. Gus Gironda, Executive Secretary, Box 394, Mamaroneck, New York 10543

3. QCWA Services: QCWA provides a number of items for member usage. These are:

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| Pin or button, with call, gold plated                                                       | \$3.00 |
| Blazer emblem, QCWA Logo                                                                    | \$2.00 |
| Auto QCWA decal                                                                             | .25    |
| Small QCWA logo for QSL cards                                                               | \$3.50 |
| Large QCWA Logo                                                                             | \$4.50 |
| 500 Red stamps, regular members                                                             | \$1.16 |
| 500 gold stamps, Life members                                                               | \$1.66 |
| 500 "50 Years in Amateur Radio Stamps"                                                      | \$1.75 |
| Decals for 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62 years<br>free to members holding 50-year<br>Certificates. | -      |
| Extra call sign in callbook                                                                 | \$1.50 |

Any of the above supplies or services are available from Col. Gus Gironda, at the address given above.

4. Certificates & Honors: Certificates are issued to QCWA members for contacting 100 QCWA members. A Certificate for Meritorious Service issued to Chapter Members upon request of Chapter Officers. A Bronze Plaque to the Winner of the QSO Party (winner of three parties keeps the award). Gold Life membership certificate to Life members. A Blue certificate and ID to regular members..and the Golden 50-years in Amateur Radio Award.

All of the above awards are available upon application from Col. Gus Gironda.

Any member may contact any officer or Director of QCWA <sup>as</sup> need or personal desire may dictate. It is best to conduct QCWA business through the Chapters or through the office of Col. Gus Gironda if possible!

TREASURE COAST CHAPTER, QCWA - Herbert Combs, W4KEB sent in the pix below, taken at the Golden 50-year certificate presentation made at the fall meeting. In the picture below, Left to right are:



Herb Combs, W4KEB; Chapter Secretary; Norm Weible, K4HE; Ted Kramer, W4NR; Ike Roach, K4QM, Chapter President; Willard Ljongsquist, W4DWK/W1CQ; Dick Purinton, W1SX...Herb & Ike were there to make it official with the others all displaying the 50-year certificate. The Picture was taken at Fort Pierce, Florida on November 29, 1973.

Herb included information on the Winter Luncheon meeting held at the Rio Mar Bay Yacht Club at Vero Beach on January 24, 1974. 62 members and guests were present, with W2HX, Past Secretary of QCWA on hand. The Chapter expects to hold its Spring meeting on March 9 and 10 in cooperation with Vero Beach Amateur Radio Club and the St. Lucie Repeater Association joint Hamfest.

AKRON OHIO CHAPTER QCWA - Chet Rataski, K8GR0 sent in a report on the January 24 meeting of the Chapter. There were forty members and friends in attendance at the meeting. Jim Trutko, W8EX1, presented a program of 35 mm slides of the Marconi Cape Cod Site Operations, and his visit to ARRL Headquarters Station W1AW. Jim was accompanied on the trip by Howard Johnson, WA8QBJ...it was a fine show, enjoyed very much by all on hand.. The Winter meeting also featured election of a slate of Officers. Those elected were:

Sam Carr, W8UGF, President

Chet Rataski, K8GR0, Secretary

In other actions, the Chapter thanked its immediate past President, Ivan Frey, W8NYS and Secretary, Joseph Mullen, W8BSH, for their work during 1973. A group of new members were initiated into the Chapter.. K. A. Felter, K8KTH; W. R. Dial, W8BFH; H. Freeder, W8VQI; P. H. Zelter, W8WJT; William J. Henry, Jr., W8ZXN; Sam Carr, W8UGF. That is a fine group, and may all QCWA members welcome them to a friendly bunch of guys and dolls. It was announced that Pul Brumbaugh, W8FKY had become a Silent Key. Pul was a life member in QCWA, and will be missed.

Chet wants to welcome everyone in hearing distance to check into the Chapters on-the-air meeting held every Sunday at 12:30PM. The net is on 3987 kHz. Next Chapter meeting is Apr. 26, Ramada INN, Dayton!!



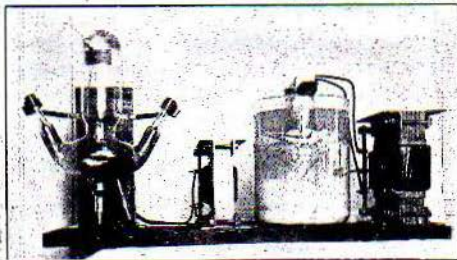
QCWA WASHINGTON CHAPTER - Don McClenon, W3IN reports on the recently elected slate of Officers. On January 7 the following were re-elected for another term:

Stan Brigham, W3TFA, President

Don McClenon, W3IN, Vice President

Elizabeth Zandonini, W3CDQ, Scy/Treas.

All present were saddened to learn of the passing of Eppa Darne, W3BWT who had been an ardent local traffic man for many years. He had been an outstanding SCM for the MDC Section for many years. The meeting to be held March 9 at the Washingtonian Motel sounded real nice - we have not received a report on it at this time. So far, in 1974, Sam Newman W3HN is the only known 50-year candidate, having received his license in July or August of 1924. Stu Meyer, W2GHK/4 indicated that Northern Virginia Amateur Radio Council, sponsors of the recent Roanoke Division Convention was now interested in putting on a National Convention.. QCWA was asked to send a representative to a forthcoming planning get-together. Don McClenon, W3IN, gave a talk on "160 Meters Today." He traced the history of this band, its operating peculiarities, such as a "DX Window" sunrise/sunset peaks, LORAN QRM power restrictions and kinds of equipment available. There was a lively discussion on antennas together with methods of tuning and feeding them, together with performance information. A good program enjoyed by all. We are indebted to the Washington Chapter for the picture above. We'd heard rumors of a special new power supply having been developed in the area and finally received a picture reproduced above. It appears that some difficulty in delivery of the article must have been experienced. The date was August, 1926 - must be that "Liz" mail must have got caught in the Christmas rush!



ELECTROLYTIC "KEEP-ALIVE" ARRANGEMENT AT 3CDQ.  
THE STATION OF MISS E. M. ZANDONINI AT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Correspondence - We received a nice note from David Talley, W2PF, in response to our question on Page 16 of the December issue of the QCWA newsletter. The picture which had been sent in by Bob Cobaugh brought back fond memories. David said it was taken early in 1946 at a meeting of the North Shore Radio Club of Nassau County, held in a yacht-Club in Manhasset, New York. David could not remember the name of the 5th man from the left either, so we're asking again for help. David said that this meeting was held in connection with organizing QCWA immediately after WW-II.

Carl Coleman, K4WJ sent in a nice letter with news of the Florida sunshine QCWA-ers. Carl is to receive his 50-year Certificate this year. He wrote that Suwannee Chapter (Carl is President) is working hard in an effort to get 50 members and that Banner. The Chapter began September, 1972 and now has 30 paid up members, with several scheduled to join. Carl indicates that there is talk of a new Chapter in the Ft. Lauderdale area, probably will be called "Everglades." Suwannee works to organize efforts for QCWA activities in north Florida. He has sent 50 to 60 letters inviting attendance to a meeting he has called at Ft. Walton. By the time this is printed, the meeting will have been held.

John Steinfeld, W8LXT, Secretary-treasurer of the Cleveland Chapter of QCWA sent in the picture at the right, showing Joel C. Carpenter, W8RYR, receiving his Golden 50 year Certificate from Earl Nelson, W8DS, President of the Cleveland Chapter. John is interested in what size of pix we need for the "News"...we can, of course, use any of them, but the best are about 3 x 4 inches and black & white, having normal contrast. The one you sent was just right, John.



**ANTHRACITE CHAPTER** - Ed Rittenhouse, W3PVY, sent in a fine report.. The annual banquet was held September 15, at Trainer's Inn, near Lehigh, Pennsylvania, with many members of Reading Chapter attending. There were representatives of the Harrisburg and Williamsport area on hand at this fine meeting. The main speaker was Merrill Beam, K2BX, who told of his many experiences in the "old daze." Ed Rittenhouse, W3PVY was MC with Dan Farren, W3HA giving the invocation. Members and guests were welcomed by W3SNZ.

The next annual banquet will be held on October 5, 1974 at the American Legion Hall in Lehigh, Pa.

At the fall business meeting, held at Shady Rest, Drums, Pa., the new Officers elected for the 1974-75 period were:

Lloyd Arnold, W3SNZ, President  
Ervin Maneval, W3EU, Vice President  
Ed Rittenhouse, W3PVY, Secretary/Treasurer

Two new members were initiated into the Chapter - Bert Rex, W3OWP, and Doc Collins, W3FNT.

**SCIENCE DEPARTMENT** - Ulo Vilms, K4OV leaked the following secret paper from the Environmental Protection Division: "The EPA--a government agency--reported in its official publication, the following vital information: "...ten cows burp enough gas in a year to provide for all the space heating, water heating, and cooking requirements for a small home. Burping cows must rank as the number one source of air pollution in the U.S." It concludes that "50 million tons of hydrocarbons are burped annually by American cows, and there presently exists no available technology for controlling these emissions."

**TREASURE COAST CHAPTER QCWA** - W. Herbert Combs, W4KEB, Secretary of the Chapter reports on the Fall Luncheon at the Hilltop House, at Ft. Pierce, Florida. 53 members and visitors were in attendance. Issac Roach, K4QM, President of the Chapter called the meeting to order. Two silent keys, Grover Gnewuch, W4DFZ and Elmer G. Maffatt, K4QT were re-membered in prayer. The meeting featured presentation of Golden 50-year Certificates to: Norm Weible, K4HE, Kenneth Hiler, W4SQ, L. J. Ljongsquist, W4DWK, Ted Krammer, W4NR and Richard Purinton, WISX.... New Officers elected for 1974 were:

Issac Roach, K4QM, President  
Myron Brown, K4DD, Vice President  
W. Herbert Combs, W4KEB, Secy- Treasurer



CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER QCWA - January 9, 1974 Newsletter reported on the election of officers. A nice slate of candidates were presented, the Official ballot, with write-in spaces provided. Officers who were elected will be announced in the June issue of the Newsletter, since we have not received a report on the election by deadline! President R. L. Maier, W5RDE mentioned the Lawton Hamfest, and the fact that many of the OKC boys were planning on attending, gasoline permitting! Red was pleased to mention that out of Chapter and out-of state check-ins on the 3850 net every Sunday morning at 8:30 AM are outranking the OKC group - all are welcome!

CORRESPONDENCE: A short letter was received from Victor Gomes, W4DN, announcing a new slate of Officers for the 1974 year, for the Sun-Coast Chapter QCWA. Those elected were:

Lester M. Klentz, K4FLD, President  
Charles C. Whysall, W8TV/4, Secretary  
William G. Hall, K4RT, Treasurer

Victor had served as Secretary for 1973, and officially turned over the records to Charles at this time.

We have received a nice letter from Bill Bonnell, W5TI with respect to the Kilocycle Club "Old Timers Night" wherein Bill invited all QCWA & other old timers to a fine evening of fellowship on February 21, 1974. Bill has long had the desire to Charter a QCWA Chapter for Fort Worth, and he, with Hal Adams, W5SGM, are working toward that end. We would like to ask that any QCWA member, or any Amateurs in the area who are eligible, contact Hal or Bill and get in on the ground-floor Charter-membership....and you can count on the Fort Worth Boys to make it big and one of the best Chapters anywhere!

Alice L. Picard wrote, sending in her dues for 3 years, and expressing wishes for the health of Gus. As usual, Alice is writing, painting & and everything else, all at once. She mentions her family of pets, as follows: "The pups and my elderly Lulu (Louis Aristide, cat) now aged 15 going on 16, are all OK. Georgette, the puppy, two years old going on 3 is a real pet but rather nervous. I think after she is bred in 1974 she will be more settled. . One of these days I hope to get to one of the meetings or luncheons, for the time being thought, it is ND" Alice attached a PS - "Lulu, Denise, & Georgette join in wishing you a Merry Christmas, and send hearty pawshakes."

NEBRASKA CHAPTER QCWA - Art Gaeth, WØFQB, SENDS IN A REPORT ON NEBRASKA activities. It had been planned to hold the Official Charter presentation during January, but "Record Breaking Winter Weather" was too much, and the January meeting was cancelled. "In lieu of the former date, and hoping the Farmer's Almanac is dependable, we have re-scheduled the ceremonial meeting for Saturday, March 9, at the Yancey Motor Hotel in Grand Island, Nebraska, with a dinner and meeting following. On the last Sunday in January, our Nebraska Chapter Net had a total of 23 checkins, plus six requests for QCWA applications." Art casually mentions that the Nebraska Net might just start having enough checkins to give W2AIM and W6FQ some trouble keeping up!

Note: Ask your Chapter president to see the fine Year-End report made up by Col. Gus. The report lists the growth and other events having to do with QCWA in 1973. It was a masterful job, Thanks, Uncle Gus!





Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA and Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC present Certificates of Appreciation to the three youngest Amateurs of the Goddard Radio Club. Left to Right are: K7UGA, W3ABC, Lawrence Williams, WA3RVU; Ricky Maeda, WN3VKF; and George Maeda, WA3TWA. Nov. 15, 1973

CORRESPONDENCE: - Fred Edwards, WIDJC writes from Hartford, WTIC -- "Dear OM: It was with mixed emotions I read your recent December '73 news with respect to Joe Andrew, W4EFG. I had wondered why he didn't answer my most recent note to him. In the December, 1944 issue, QST pictured and reported on an Anglo-American Hamfest held September 23, 1944 in London at the Mostyn Red Cross Club. I had worked closely with Joe and Dave, W2PF in organizing the hamfest. I was working for the Office of War Information at the time and we had at least 25 USA Amateurs working in our London Studios. G6CL and G2MI were gracious hosts....I am finishing my forty-fourth year here at WTIC-AM-FM-TV -- three more to go! December 24th was my v2nd anniversary as WIDJC.

Dave Davis, W4GQ, Secretary of the Gator Chapter sent in a quick note reporting on the newly installed Officers for the Gator Chapter... It was at the Noon Luncheon, held January 19, 1974 that the following began their Service for the Calendar year, 1974:

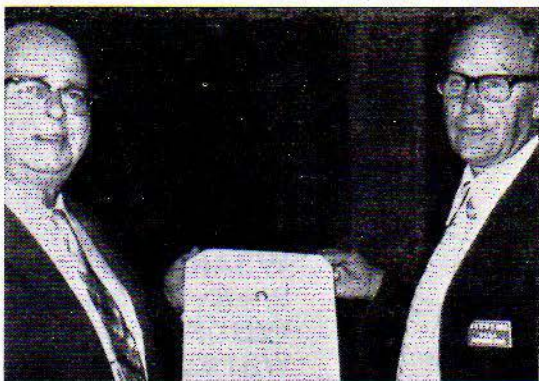
Hal Rice, W4FOM, President  
 Russ Chappell, W8NC/4, Vice President  
 Dave Davis, W4GQ, Secretary  
 Art Monsees, K4QG, Treasurer.

Bill Hall, K4RT wrote a short note reporting on Suncoast Chapter work and listing Officers for 1974. The first meeting of the year was at the Windjammer Restaurant, with 96 in attendance (a new record). Bill was President of the Cleveland Chapter back in 1968, and is now money man in the Suncoast Chapter. Officers for 1974 are:

Les Klentz, K4FLD, President  
 Charlie Wysall, W8TV, Secretary  
 Bill Hall, K4RT, Treasurer



SUWANNEE CHAPTER QCWA--Newsletter of January, 1974 reported on the '73 Christmas Luncheon at Gainesville, attended by 32 members. The meeting featured the presentation of a Golden 50-year Certificate to Frank S. McCullough, W4WMH. Carl Coleman, K4WJ made this first Official Chapter presentation. In the picture, Carl is at the left, and Mac at the right



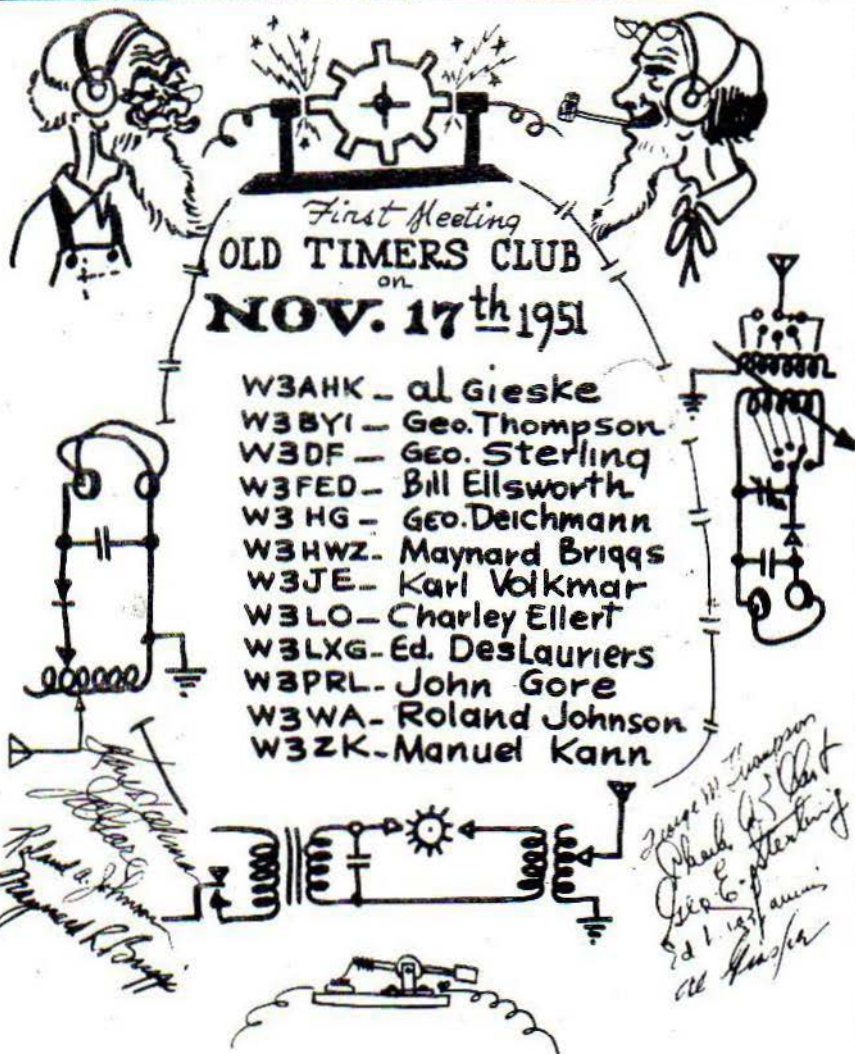
The Treasurer reported a few members had not sent the annual \$2 dues, and asks that dues be sent as soon as possible.

The next Chapter meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn at Silver Springs on February 23, at noon.. Suwannee Chapter sends regards to the new Melbourne Chapter "Spaceport Chapter, and hopes that it may grow as rapidly as Suwannee - doubling its membership in just one year! The newest member is Harold Carpenter, W2TGY/4. All QCWA members are invited to say hello on the Saturday morning net at 9 AM on 3940, controlled by Ken, W4FYE. Chapter Historian Fred Armes K4RX is anxious to receive more "thumb nail" histories for the Chapter records...please write him!

Suwannee Chapter is working very hard to promote QCWA in North Florida and will participate in the "Bold City Hamfest" to be held March 30-31, at Jacksonville Beach, Florida. Any QCWA members in the area are asked to come in and take part, and if there are any questions, contact Carl, K4WJ.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - Maurice Cox, K4JFN wrote to report the passing of an old friend..."It is with a heart full of sadness that I enclose the report of the death of our mutual friend, Bert E. Martin, Jr., K2LBB/W3-NT." Maurice goes on to say, "I received this clipping today from another mutual friend who knew I'd be interested. I don't know exactly what day this tragic thing happened, but assume it may have been the 8th or 9th of January. Bert has just recovered from major heart surgery when I spoke with him last June. We discussed retirement plans & I told him I was glad to retire early, having seen too many of my friends obituaries on the bulletin board at IBM. Bert was a Life Member of QCWA and a devoted and enthusiastic supporter. We shall all miss him dreadfully."

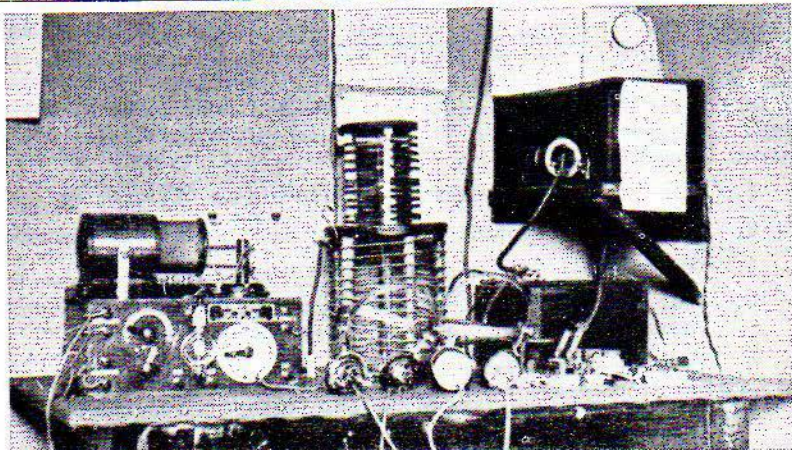
TULSA CHAPTER QCWA -- C. J. (Mac) McCoy wrote concerning the Dec. 18, 1973 dinner meeting, at which time Officers for 1974 were elected. 30 members and friends were in attendance at Sir George's Royal Buffett.. Ed Hall, W5FRZ was unanimously elected President and Mc McCoy, W5FHY, was elected Secretary treasurer. The program had been planned to show films regarding energy crisis matters, but the projector lamp burned out which forced Ed to ad-lib a wonderful and informative dissertation on underground storage of LP gas...Bert Gunn, W5FU and his Lady, Mildred had returned from a fine Hawaii vacation where they visited their daughter and family. It was noticed that Bert's hips sort of swivel a bit now as he walks, probably due to too much hula-hula watching!



The announcement above came from the files of Al Gieske, W5WS, who has more friends in Maryland and Texas than anyone! We have some others & will run them in subsequent issues of the News. To all of the OT's in the list above, we would sure like to have a small snapshot of each of you taken recently - we know you all can't possibly get together again but we'd be happy to print the pictures, together with a few words abt what you are doing, and anything else of interest. If you can, have a grandson, or maybe a great-grandson take a snapshot and send it to the Assistant Editor, W5EJ. To you, Al, thanks, and we'll take good care of the original copies of your material.

Please check around and see if you have sent in your dues to National Headquarters - if not, do so right now, so that your name will be put in the new membership Roster due to be published this summer. Send to Col. Gus Gironda, W2JE, Manager, QCWA, Box 394, Mamaroneck, N. Y. 10543





1916-5DD Dave Harrell W5CVQ-1974

In the picture above, you see the rig of Dave Harrell, 5DD, taken in the year 1916. Dave has just recently joined QCWA, and is, of course eligible for the 50-year golden certificate, with a 58 year endorsement.

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CORRESPONDENCE: W5YZ sent up the Houston Chapter Newsletter dated as February 10, 1974 - of particular interest to QCWA members throughout the southwest is the Houston Amateur Radio Club/QCWA "Old Timers Nite" scheduled for May 25, 1974. It is hoped that QCWA members will make this meeting a special event! We want to especially thank Monte, W5YZ for the many fine pictures he sends in, not only from Houston, but from all over the country!

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One of the unhappy things about having a bunch of callbooks is the few times when an old-timer requests a copy of his callbook listing and we either can't find it, or it appears several years later than remembered by the OT. We are continually trying to find more callbooks to fill in the voids, and to eliminate even the few times that we cannot find those old calls. If you have any old books, please contact us for an offer. We don't have much money, but will sure try to meet your price. We are in particular need of 1913, 1914 and 1915 government callbooks. We have quite a few of the National Amateur Wireless Association issue which came out in 1916 and 1917, but can use either originals, or copies of any you have. Any other publications listing call signs in the early days would be welcome. Citizens Callbooks, especially those for November or December of all of the years from 1920 to 1930 would be a real help, mainly for those who received their licenses after July 1 of each year - they did not appear until the following year in the US Department of Commerce callbooks, and this can be important to a fellow ham who is truly eligible for the 50 year award, and can't prove that he was licensed in say 1924, simply because the callbook was closed as of June 30 of that year. Contact Ted, W5EJ, if you have anything that might help us in this work, which is free to all amateurs for the asking.

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May you have health, may your tank stay full, may you smile always!!!!



SUGGESTIONS FOR MODIFYING QCWA NATIONAL NET - W2CVF offers the following ideas for the purpose of getting everyone to think about how the Sunday net might be modified: "Whereas the present National Net seems more less hit & miss, and, whereas we have over 6000 members, making it impossible for any sizable National checkin or representation, it is hereby suggested:

1. Each Chapter be requested to maintain an Official Net
2. Each Chapter appoint an Official Net Control & alternate
3. The National Net be changed to a network of Chapters
4. That a rollcall of Chapters by the National Control be made a regular routine
5. That Chapters report on Chapter activities
6. That Net Control inform the Chapters of National activities and news
7. That inter-chapter traffic be handled and directed

Reading Ralph's suggestions above, it occurs to me that what might be done would be to keep the present net, on an informal and personal way of operation, and to establish another net, given over to Chapter talk at which time the Chapters could transmit latest news, and business to the Newsletter editors..thus insuring a better and more up-to-date paper. This type of on-the-air-meeting could meet one a month, and the editors could record the whole thing, for later inclusion in the newsletter. Besides that, chapters could advise each other of successful meeting ideas, etc. Think it all over and let us know what you feel would be a good idea. Send to W5EJ, and we'll print excerpts of your letters.

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ACHTUNG!!ALLES LOOKENSEE!! - Das Radio outputen maschinen ist nicht fur gefingerpoken un mittenschmaken..ist sooner yet mit blowen fusen und firewerken, when das dummkopfen ist nein in das pockets der hands keepen. Besser yet ist gelooken mit relaxen liken der mann vas in-chargen das gewerken und mitout gesparken und upgeblowen.

Das lookensee ist surprisen mit loudenboomen out gekommen das loud-speechen und der lights is gesparken when das inchargen mann pushen switchen mitout looken...Mit puzzlemints das lookensee ist departen und mit besser knowen das radio outputen maschinen ist nein fur dummkopfs gewerken

\* \* \* \* \* ----Ray, W2SD.

From the British Information Service, We have a 30-page bulletin dated June, 1945, and titled "RADAR, An Official History of the New Science with Technical Descriptions and Glossary of Radar Terms." The years have slipped by since WWII, and many of us now so accustomed to RADAR might easily forget that RADAR was developed on an operational basis by Great Britain. Let me quote a few words from the bulletin:

"Britain, left alone and seemingly defenseless after Dunkirk, was saved by her chain of secret radio location stations--the first operational system of radar used anywhere in the world." Sir Robert A. Watson-Watt, C. B., British Scientist took radar out of the laboratory and made it a practical proposition. Untold millions have received a personal gain from his work, either in air-guidance, or just being alive!



**SPECIAL NOTICE** - President Frank Gunther, W2ALS has issued the following notice to Life Members in QCWA. If you are a life member, and have not yet filled in a card, won't you please, right now, clip out the form at the bottom of this page, fill it in and mail it to P. O. Box 394, Mamaroneck, New York, 10543 - mark the outside of the envelope "Life Membership Questionnaire" and do not enclose other correspondence in the envelope. The following is the Letter from President Gunther:

January 31, 1974

Dear Life Member:

At December 31, 1973, there were 1,279 surviving Life Members of whom 991 paid \$25.00 and 288 paid \$35 for their life membership.

The cost of a life membership has been 15 times the annual dues. The amount received has been placed in an insured saving account and each year \$1.67 for surviving life members who paid \$25.00 and \$2.33 for those who paid \$35.00 has been transferred to income.

Because of continued inflationary increases in operating expenses and in life expectancy your Board of Directors has decided to review the present charge for life membership and the adequacy of the life membership cash reserve account.

Information as to age groups, amount paid for life membership, etc., will be required to make this study. You can greatly assist us if you will complete the form located at the bottom of this sheet and return it to the Secretary as soon as possible.

The results of this study will be published in QCWA News at an early date.

yours sincerely, /s/

Frank A. Gunther, W2ALS, President

PS - It is possible that some life members are no longer active and would prefer that mailing of News, correspondence be temporarily be discontinued. We would propose to transfer such members to an inactive list, but will continue their listing in the Year Book. Those who request inactive status will be returned to Active status on request. Please mark your card in the space provided, if you wish to be transferred to inactive status.

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| QCWA # _____                                | Address _____           |                    | Apt. _____    |
|                                             | (City) _____            | (State) _____      | (Zip) _____   |
| Date of birth _____                         | Age next birthday _____ |                    |               |
|                                             | (Mo) _____              | (Day) _____        | (Yr) _____    |
| Amount paid for Life Membership (check one) |                         | \$25.00 _____      | \$35.00 _____ |
| If you wish to be placed on inactive status |                         | (check here) _____ |               |

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QCWA NETS

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7045kHz Alternate  
W2JBL NCS; W9CV Alt.

Sun: 14345 kHz 5:PM Eastn Time  
W2AIM NCS East  
W6FQ NCS West



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